

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 9-14, 20, and 21 are presently pending. Claims 5-8, and 15-19 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ritchey. Claim 9 recites, among other limitations, "wherein audio decoding comprises MPEG 1 level 3 decoding processes". Examiner has indicated that Ritchey teaches the foregoing at "Fig. 20; Col. 12 Lines 11-16; Col. 13 Lines 2-23; Col. 32, Lines 37-44; Col. 33, Lines 49-52; MPEG is the standard for video compression]".

Assignee respectfully submits that none of the foregoing citations discuss "audio decoding" or "MPEG 1 level 3 decoding processes". Accordingly, Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection to claim 9.

Independent claims 1 and 20 are amended to recite, among other limitations, "wherein processing further comprises audio encoding and decoding, wherein audio encoding and decoding comprises MPEG 1 level 3 processes". Assignee respectfully submits that for the foregoing reasons, Ritchey does not teach the foregoing as well.

Accordingly, Assignee requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1, 9, and 20, as well as to dependent claims 2, 3, 10-14, and 21.

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and such a notice is respectfully requested. Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance,

the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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